

CONVENTION UPDATE: Details on Oct 16th Convention in April HA. As of May 11th 33 people are coming including (tentatively) Charlotte Manson, Lon Clark, Joan Lorrington, Stefan Schnabel, R. E. Johnson, Arnold Moss, Bill Owen, Walter Gibson, Court Benson, Grace Matthews, Lee Allman, Arthur Anderson. 14 dealer tables are reserved (44 available). Bill Owen (co-author of the Big Broadcast) may be there Friday evening.

IN FOND MEMORY: Clarence Beeks, Mar 21, 58; jazz singer...Billy Davis, Mar 14, 43; jazz drummer...Enid Bagnold, Mar 31, 91; novelist (National Velvet)...Bob Hite, Apr 6, 38; vocalist with Canned Heat...Sherman Edwards, Mar 30, 61; songwriter, pianist (Wonderful, Wonderful; See You in September)...Carmen Mastren, Mar 31, 68; jazz guitarist...George Watts 24; guitarist, drummer...Edward Hayman, Mar 30, 74; lyricist (Body & Soul, When I Fall in Love)...Norman Taurog, Apr 7, 82; film director...Rudolf Schramm, Apr 6, 78; film & radio, composer conductor...Brad Johnson, Apr 4, 56; western actor...Edward Sauter, Apr 21, 66; composer, arranger, bandleader (Sauter-Finegan Orch)...Virginia Mortensen, Apr 8, 73; screenwriter...Paul Barnes, Apr 13, 80; New Orleans based sax & clarinet player (Louis Armstrong, King Oliver)...Madge Evans, Apr 26, 71; stage & screen actress...Jim Davis, Apr 26, 65; Film & TV actor (Dallas; The Cowboys)...Clarence Hoffman, Mar 26, 62; singer, actor...Mary Foran, Apr 10, 61; film & TV actress (Red Skelton, Carol Burnett)...Ernest Brucer, Apr 3, 95; composer (Does the Spearmint Lose its Flavor)...Joe Yuki, April, 72; jazz trombonist...William (Cat) Andersen, Apr 30, 64; trumpeter with Duke Ellington...John Barbee, Apr 20, 88; actor and in vaudeville...Dawna Shove, Apr 14, 53; stage & TV actress.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: BIG BANDWAGON, Mar; articles on Bunny Berigan, Ziggy Elman...Return with us Now, April; article on Star Wars...THING WOULDN'T DIE, April; Has a near-complete ILAM Log 1939-44...THROUGH THE HORN (NARA), Apr; article on Bob Hope's writers...Milwaukee Club bulletin, Apr; articles on Jack Benny & the latest Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters luncheon. Several old-time radio selections were recreated by Howard Duff, Lurene Tuttle, Les Tremayne, Janet Waldo, Sam Edward, Jim Jordan, Marvin Miller, Frank Nelson, others.

CLUBS & MUSEUMS: The North American Radio Archives (NARA) is undergoing a membership drive. I well recommend this organization. I have mentioned their journals many times. For information send SASE to Gayle Bland, Box 11962, Reno, Nev. 89510...The Texas Broadcast Museum recently opened at 1701 Market Street, Dallas, Texas 75202. The Vintage Radio & Phonograph Society are the advisors. Membership is \$15. Send a SASE to Market St. for details.

MUSIC: Billy Taylor, jazz pianist, host of NPR's "Jazz Alive", recently received Edward Elson Distinguished Service Award at 1981 Public Radio Conference at Anaheim.

NEWS OF THE PAST (by Ed Carr): #1. 1939. During 1939 a total of 600 telecasts were made, up from two hrs. weekly to about 15 hrs. per 5-day week. Of the total 30% were film and 40% were live talent telecasts from NBC Studios in Radio City. ...#2. 1939. For the first time radio reported the Death of a Pope and the election and coronation of his successor.

HERE & THERE: New Friends. Charles Ordowski, 14601 Yale Ave., Livonia, Mich 48154...Richard Wenstrup, 1045 Ten Mile Rd., New Richmond, Oh 45157...T. Williams, 1185 Woodward Ave., Topeka, Kan 66604 belongs to the Jeanette MacDonald Fan Club and wants any radio shows with her--also, any One Man's Family...Howie Mason, Box 184, Borden, Ontario, Canada L0M1C0.



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HERE & THERE: Old Friends. Steve Albert, 588 Hogg Memorial Dr. Whitman, Ma 02382 has for 50¢, a catalog of radio, TV, movie & rock 'n roll memorabilia for sale or trade. Also, input for "TV Collector" would be welcome...Larry Rao, 1213 E. 88th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11236 now has a video deck & will trade radio tapes for VHS cassettes. Also, he is urging you to contact your local PBS Station supporting "Star Wars"...Roy Hooper is trying to reach Max Schmid—Max, call Roy at (714) 545-5978... Ed Carr, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, Pa. 19512 wants to buy a Wollensak 4760 cassette deck with a dust cover in excellent shape. Also, Ed has for sale 9 copies of Goon Show scripts—2nd series, for \$3.75.

RADIO IS ALIVE & WELL: Ronald Reagan & Kate Smith were recently inducted into the NAB Radio Hall of Fame...The May 1981 issue of Writer's Digest features an article by Michael Straczynski, who has written for Mutual Radio Theater & Alien World. It is about scripting radio dramas for current markets...Don Brush, 4701 Roselawn Dr., Holiday, Florida 33570, tells us: (1) Maurice Evans is starring in "On Golden Pond", which opened Apr 28th at the Showboat in Pinellas Pk., Fla. (2) Hal Foster is 89 & living in Spring Hill & still draws Prince Valiant. (3) Don wants address of Joe Smith & Mildred Savage (writer). Don has a long list of shows he is looking for. Almost all are uncirculated now. Don has a lot of rare material he will trade for them. Send him a SASE (2 stamps).

LATE NEWS: IN FOND MEMORY: Nat Polen, May 3, 66; daytime performer on tv... Herb Volland, Apr 26, 63; tv actor (Arnie, NASH, Love on a Rooftop)...Marlin Skiles, May 1, 75; composer, arranger for big bands, movies, tv.

Spread the word about the convention. Please publicize it. Get your reservations in and reserve your tables.

Write if you get work and hang by your thumbs.

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